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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 29-40 have been added to further emphasize and claim various novel aspects of the subject invention. A clean version of all pending claims is found at pages 2-7.

Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview on August 11, 2004 where it was agreed that clarification to emphasize the in-lined nature of the stub would overcome and distinguish from the cited references. In accordance thereto, independent claims 1, 14, 25, 27 and 28 have been amended to clarify and emphasize this novel aspect of the claimed invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the herein amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

More particularly, in a Final Office Action dated March 12, 2004, claims 1-2, 9-11, 14, 20-21, 24, 25 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the article "Lightweight Remote Procedure Call" by Bershad *et al.* It is respectfully submitted that these claims should not be rejected for at least the following reason. Independent claims 1, 14, 25 and 28 have been amended to recite subject matter the Examiner indicated during the aforementioned telephonic interview would distinguish the subject application from Bershad *et al.* Specifically, limitations that clarify the implementation of the in-lined stub have been incorporated into independent claims to further emphasize this novel aspect of the claimed invention.

Additionally, in the aforementioned Final Office Action, claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nilsen *et al.* (U.S. 6,081,665). It is respectfully submitted that these claims should not be rejected for at least the following reasons. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, independent claims 1, 14, 25, 27 and 28 have been amended to recite limitations that clarify the in-lined stub and corresponding novel functionality. Therefore, it is believed that claims 1, 14, 25, 27 and 28 (and claims 2-13, 15-24, and 26 which depend there from) are in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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